

# THE BLOOMFIELD CITIZEN.

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## BLOOMFIELD NOTIFIED.

THE NEWARK BOARD OF WORKS WILL OPPOSE THE OUTLET SEWER.

Last Meeting of the Committee of 1891-'92. A Vote of Thanks to Mr. Selbert—The Gas Contract Considered.

The Township Committee of 1891-'92 held its last regular meeting on Monday night. Messrs. Gilbert, Halpenny, Selbert, and Hummel were the only members present. It is a matter of comment that at but very few meetings of the present Committee has a full Board been present. Sickness, accidents, and causes of a more trifling nature have constantly interfered with the attendance at the meetings. Messrs. Gilbert, Selbert, and Halpenny are notable exceptions, they having been very faithful in the performance of their duty.

Owing to the absence of Mr. Rayner on Monday night action on matters pertaining to the Fire Department had to be postponed.

Charles L. Selbert, the Committeeman from the First Ward, who will be succeeded by Mr. Stout, has gratuitously filled the position of Township Treasurer for the past three years. In appreciation of his services in that capacity, the Committee adopted a minute expressing thanks to Mr. Selbert. Mr. Halpenny made a few remarks appropriate to the occasion, referring to the fact that Mr. Selbert had steadily refused to accept any compensation for his laborious work, and to meet the requirements of the law in respect to a bond, had cheerfully given a mortgage on his property to the amount of \$12,000. The Auditing Committee had made a careful inspection of his accounts and found them correct and kept in a neat and business-like manner.

Clerk Farrand was directed to engross a copy of the minute and present it to the retiring Treasurer.

Mr. Selbert thanked his colleagues for their expressions of kindly feeling. He said his relations with all the town officials during the three years he had been in office were of a very friendly character.

The Newark Board of Public Works notified the Committee that any attempt to discharge sewerage in the Passaic River would be resisted by that body.

Mr. Halpenny said that the Committee had no power to act on the communication. The town was bound by agreement to the city of Orange, and whatever action was necessary would have to be taken by the officials of that city, and a proportionate share of the expense would have to be borne by this town.

At a previous meeting of the Committee attention was called to the fact that the contract with the Montclair Gas and Water Company for the ensuing year contained no clause providing for the extension of the gas system by putting down new mains. It was thought by the Committee that the omission was an oversight and the contract was returned to the company for correction. On Monday night the contract was again brought before the Committee without the clause providing for new mains, and it was announced that the company refused to bind itself to make any extensions of its system in this town. The reasons given for such action was that the town had refused to make a long-term contract with the company, and had insisted on a very low price and was liable to throw out the gas system and adopt electric lights at the expiration of the year. Under such circumstances the company did not think the expense of enlarging and extending the plant in this town would be wise.

Mr. Halpenny said he was surprised at the attitude of the Gas Company. When the question of a renewal of the contract was under consideration one of the company's officers, Mr. Vanderpoel, told him that it was their intention to put down larger mains in this town, and more of them. The matter was referred back to the Gas Committee.

The Committee decided to accept \$250 from the New York and Greenwood Lake Railroad Company in settlement of a long-standing tax claim against the company.

The Clerk was directed to write to Superintendent Hinkley of the County Insane Asylum asking him what proof he had that Nicholas Dreyfuss, an inmate of the asylum, was a resident of this town.

The salary of Inspector W. B. Corby of the Health Board was ordered paid.

A water bill for the last quarter of the year, amounting to \$2,692.41, was presented by the Orange Water Company.

Bills for election expenses for the local election were ordered paid.

Contractor Callahan's bills for sidewalk and cobble-stone gutter, Hubert J. Ashley's bill for road work, police and poor bills were also presented and ordered paid.

Treasurer Selbert reported the receipt

of \$2,000 in back taxes from the Collector.

A reply to the letter sent to Expert Accountant R. F. Stevens was received. Mr. Stevens asks the Committee to point out the "supposed" errors in his report and he will examine into them and endeavor to ascertain whether they are errors or not.

The retiring members of the Committee turned over their keys of the Committee room to the Chairman.

## GOVERNOR BLOOMFIELD.

His Portrait Presented to the First Presbyterian Church.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE CITIZEN:

SIR: An event in the old First Church last week may be a matter of interest in a wider circle than the membership of the one congregation. Therefore please allow me to make known through your paper that Mr. John Crowell Mundy of Newark, who is a descendant in the third generation from a sister of Governor Bloomfield, after whom our township was named, has had prepared a good portrait of the distinguished Governor, in nearly life size, together with a facsimile of his autograph, and last week presented the same, handsomely framed, to the First Church, to the building of whose now venerable edifice General Bloomfield, before he became Governor, was a generous contributor.

The portrait has been hung on the wall of the Sunday-school room, near the Superintendent's desk, where it will be carefully cherished as an object of interest in our town and as an incentive to honorable ambition among our youth.

The thanks of the church have been returned to Mr. Mundy, and he will doubtless receive, when his graceful act becomes known, the grateful remembrance of all who love our beautiful Bloomfield.

H. W. BALLANTINE.

BLOOMFIELD, April 20.

## Watsessing's New Church.

The movement started on Sunday, April 10, by the Rev. Elbert Clement to raise funds for the erection of a new Methodist church edifice in Watsessing has proved successful beyond all anticipation, and the pastor was able to make the pleasing announcement last Sunday that nearly \$4,000 had been pledged during the week towards the project. A finance committee consisting of Fred. Mohrman, A. H. Edgerly, Francis Law, John Greenbank, and Samuel Ellor will have charge of the building fund. The ladies of the church met on Monday night at the parsonage, and arranged for holding a fair early in June, at which it is hoped enough will be raised to pay off the indebtedness on the church lot. The committee consists of Mrs. Francis Law, Mrs. J. Greenbank, Mrs. M. Tichenor, Mrs. William Ellor, and Mrs. A. H. Edgerly.

Fire Department Rules.

An effort is being made by members of the Fire Department to reduce the number of O. T.'s in the Department, and have more stringent rules adopted regulating the admission of members. It is claimed that under the present system many desire to join simply for the sake of the pecuniary and social advantages that go with membership.

There seems to be an injustice done to some under the present system. The O. T.'s are those who are out of town daily on business. Such absence does not detract from their record of service. Two prominent members of the Department who have given the matter much study, claim that the Truck Company membership ought to be limited to 30 and the hose companies to a membership of 25, and that O. T.'s should be excluded.

Taken Sick in the Street.

A woman about thirty-eight years of age, who gave her name as Kate Moore, and her residence as No. 599 Market Street, Newark, was taken with heart trouble in front of the organ works on Bloomfield Avenue on Monday morning. The workmen of the factory saw her fall and she was carried by them into the factory, and Dr. Von der Smith summoned. The woman recovered sufficiently to be sent to her home. This is the second time she has been stricken while in Bloomfield.

Berean Baptist Church.

The Berean Baptist Association, a mission under the care of the North Orange Baptist Church, and which meets in Temperance Hall on Prospect Street, is endeavoring to collect funds to build a church edifice. It will be located in the vicinity of the junction of Dodd and Prospect Streets.

Of Interest to Boys.

Agent wanted for the *Elmira Telegram* in Bloomfield. Greatest family paper on earth. Twenty-four pages. Lively boy can make money. Address *Elmira Telegram*, Elmira, N. Y.—Advt.

Try our gent's \$3 patent leather shoes, in all styles, Newark make, at Shoenthal's, the shoelst, 312 Glenwood Avenue.—Advt.

## YOUNG PEOPLE'S NIGHT.

An Outline of Dr. Schauffer's Address in Westminster Church.

Friday night, April 15, was young people's night in the series of services held in the new Westminster Church, and certainly from the point of view of the young people, if from no other, it was by far the most interesting one. At a few minutes before eight o'clock the Westminster Sunday-school, which had met in the chapel, marched into the new church singing "Onward, Christian Soldiers," and took seats in the front of the auditorium which had been reserved for them; and when all were seated, it was seen that every pew in the church was full. It was a splendid audience, with representatives probably from every church and Sunday-school in town. After singing by the choir and congregation, Scripture-reading and prayer by Mr. Paul, the Rev. Dr. A. F. Schauffer of New York was introduced. In his introductory remarks Mr. Paul spoke of the rare treat in store for the audience in having Dr. Schauffer to address them, and said that the people evidently knew what to expect, as so many had come to listen to him.

Dr. Schauffer then rose and began his address. In opening, the Doctor said that Mr. Paul was evidently laboring under a mistake as to so many coming to hear him talk, as he understood that there was to be cake after the meeting, and that was certainly a potent attraction. "They did not know that, Doctor," Mr. Paul said in a parenthesis; "that was an afterthought."

His remarks, said Dr. Schauffer, were to be addressed to Sunday-school teachers particularly—those who taught now, those who would teach some time, and those who had taught; and evidently there were many representatives of all three in the room. The discourse was divided under four heads—the material, the tool, the co-worker, and the result.

As to the material, it is the best in the world. And what is the material? The Sunday-school scholar, who comes to Sabbath-school at the most plastic stage of his existence, when his mind is most receptive, and when he learns the easiest. You can't teach an old dog new tricks, but a young dog can be taught anything. As he looked into the smiling faces of the boys and girls before him, said the speaker, he saw a splendid lot of potentialities there. "Why, look at that bright little boy there, looking up into my face now; he may be President of this country some day. And see that little girl over there; there's no telling what possibilities for good are contained in that little head. It's the best material in the world." Then he told an incident that happened once in his own Sunday-school.

He was explaining the Sunday-school lesson some weeks in advance of the Sunday when it was to be used, and he noticed one little fellow in one of the classes who seemed to be very restless. After the session this boy's teacher came to him and said she could not do anything with that boy; he was very troublesome. It seems that he had a guttapercha watch-chain, and all the time the Doctor was talking he had been playing with the chain, taking it apart link by link and putting it together again. The lesson came around in its regular course, about six weeks from the time of the explanation, and while most of the scholars seemed a trifle hazy on many points, the little chap who had been so fidgety knew it perfectly. The teacher was surprised, and said he must have studied the lesson very hard. No, he hadn't studied it. How did he know it then? He remembered it from the time the Doctor had told about it. How many men, asked the speaker, could do that—take a chain apart, put it together, and all the time listen to an explanation of a difficult lesson, and at the end of six weeks remember all he had heard. "Oh, it certainly is the best material in the world."

Then the speaker passed to the second division of his subject—the tool, the teacher had to work with; and that, too, is the best in the world. The tool is the Word of God, this old Bible of ours, which contains something for every circumstance of life. What better tool could you possibly have than that? Children are very fond of biography. The Bible is full of the most interesting biography. Children delight in scenic effects. The Bible is full of the most wonderful panoramas. And the Doctor unfolded some of these panoramas in a most entertaining way.

"You have the best material in the world, the best tool to work with, and you also have the best co-worker in the world—the Holy Spirit." Don't go to your work in the Sunday-school feeling that you are not well prepared to teach, and relying on your own strength, advised the Doctor; and don't go either feeling that it is your duty to do so, and a rather unpleasant duty at that. Go, rather, feeling that it is a blessed privilege, and leaning on the Divine strength. He warned the teachers against over-

enthusiasm; and told how he had once done mission work on the Bowery, in New York, and a committee of seventy young men came to help him, burning with enthusiasm for the work. In a few weeks sixty-three of them had vanished into thin air. Don't let anything discourage you; you have the grandest work in the world to do; do it with your might, but always do it relying on the Holy Spirit to help you, and you will find that you have the very best co-worker in the world. The speaker then told of some very interesting incidents which had happened in his own Sunday-schools, which space will not permit us to reproduce, and passed to the fourth division of his subject—the result. Moulding the character of the young, turning out noble Christian men and women, ready and anxious to work for the Lord. What grander result could be attained or looked for than this?

The address was listened to with rapt attention by the large audience; and no doubt the many Sunday-school teachers present will go to their work with a new zest.

At the close of the address Mr. Paul thanked Dr. Schauffer in a few words for the treat he knew they would have and had had; and invited those present to go into the church, and have some—"well, Dr. Schauffer says cake, but go in and see for yourselves." And go in they did, and found not only cake and ice-cream there, but a most hearty welcome as well from the young people of Westminster Church. And so this most interesting series of meetings in the new church was brought to a happy termination.

Bloomfield Odd Fellows.

At the regular meeting of Olive Branch Lodge, No. 51, I. O. O. F., last Monday night, a large delegation from West End and Waverley Lodges of Newark were present with the expectation of seeing the Initiatory degree conferred upon three candidates. Owing to an unexpected emergency word was received that the candidates could not put in an appearance until next Monday. There will therefore be four, or perhaps five, initiates on that evening, instead of three. There were two new propositions for membership received. Although the degree conferred, the evening was well spent and all seemed to go away pleased. Good addresses were delivered in "Good and Welfare" by both visitors and members of the lodge. The brothers were rejoiced to greet brother Past Grand N. Harvey Dodd after his long absence and illness. Every Odd Fellow will find a welcome at Olive Branch Lodge on Monday night, at eight o'clock.

They Poisoned the Dog.

The residence of Mrs. Graves, daughter of Gen. E. L. Hayes, on Hillside Avenue was entered by burglars on Wednesday night and about seventy-five dollars' worth of silverware stolen. Entrance was made to the house by forcing a sash in the bay window in the front of the house. When Mrs. Graves arose in the morning she was surprised to find the window wide open. The carpet was soiled where the thief had climbed in the window, and his wandering through the house could be traced by the drippings from the candle which he carried. He entered the dining-room, where the table was set, and gathered up the silverware. Some of the articles taken were presents. A singular incident that tends to indicate that the robbery was planned some time ahead is the fact that a large and ferocious dog belonging to the place was poisoned about a week previous.

Another Madrigal Society Concert.

The people of Bloomfield will be pleased to hear that the Madrigal Society will give another of their delightful concerts on Wednesday evening, May 11. The concert will take place in the First Presbyterian Church. The Society will be aided by Mrs. Dutton of Brooklyn, the famous soprano, and a lady violinist of New York. A limited number of new associate members' tickets can be had from any member of the Society at \$2.50.

Easter Election at Christ Church.

At the Easter election held at Christ Church last Monday evening the following were elected: Wardens—J. L. Clark, Newton Smith; Vestrymen—Clarence Freeman, Frank G. Tower, Thad. S. Giffin, Geo. B. Smith, R. W. Gardner; Delegates to Diocesan Convention—William Poe, Augustus Bleeker, and Frederick T. Camp.

A Canoeing Club.

The Crescent Canoeing Club has organized and erected a club-house at the foot of Fremont Street. The members at present are G. Lee Stout, Jr., George W. Cook, Jr., Guy Hopping, Gilbert White and Millard Rouband. A series of races will take place shortly.

Umbrellas at Shoenthal's, 312 Glenwood Avenue.—Advt.

## THE SCHOOL MEETING.

A LARGE ATTENDANCE AT THE ELECTION OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES.

Messrs. Thomas Oakes and William A. Baldwin Re-elected for Three Years and J. Banks Reford Chosen for Two Years.

It was certainly an absurd rumor that charged the members of the Board of School Trustees with being so far under the influence of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union as to entertain the idea of placing in the category of studies the pet doctrine of that association, namely, the effects of alcohol upon the human system. If the person who started such a rumor attended the school meeting on Tuesday night he would have gone away pretty thoroughly convinced that a considerable portion of the voting population do not believe in the doctrine, and will not tolerate it being taught in the schools.

The effects of alcohol upon the system is a subject on which there is a wide difference of opinion. The ladies of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union hold one view of it, and a large number of practical men hold an opposite view.

Of a body of men gathered for the purpose of exercising the franchise it is safe to assume that many of them are able to speak from experience on the subject. The invariable experience of many men is that the effect of alcohol upon the system is simply exhilarating, and they cannot accept any view or theory that regards the keeping of the system in a constant state of exhilaration as wrong.

While the rumor of Tuesday may have been false, there was certainly an admonition given that it will be dangerous to try the experiment in the schools of this town.

The school meeting on Tuesday night was very orderly. District Clerk Baldwin called the assemblage to order. Several names were placed in nomination for Chairman, but the honor was declined by many, and Samuel G. Hayter accepted the position. James P. Jones nominated William A. Baldwin and Thomas Oakes for Trustees for three years and Nathan Russell for two years.

Alexander C. Marr nominated J. Banks Reford in opposition to Mr. Russell.

One hundred and thirteen votes were cast. Messrs. Baldwin and Oakes were unanimously elected, and Mr. Reford received 70 votes and Mr. Russell 42. Vigorous stamping followed the announcement of Mr. Reford's election.

A Cigarette Broke Them Up.

Eight handsome youths of this town recently formed a social organization called the "Jolly Eight." It was customary at each meeting of the society to invite eight of the prettiest girls in the town. When the handsome boys and pretty girls got together there was a jolly time indeed. The gatherings were held at the respective residences of the handsome youths, and the pretty girls were invariably accompanied by their parents or older brothers. "Copenhagen," "Ruth and Jacob," "Post-office," and other osculatory exercises were indulged in at the gatherings of the "Jolly Eight." The society enjoyed a delightful career until one fatal night when the pretty girls with one accord objected to one young man putting his hands on the rope in a game of "Copenhagen."

The "Jolly Eight" were astounded and pleaded with the girls to go on with the game. The latter, however, were inexorable, and refused to make public their reason. The "Jolly Eight" retired for consultation, and the best looking boy was appointed a committee of one to wait on the girls and learn the secret of the strike. He returned with the information that it was owing to the boy having smoked one of those "nasty, filthy" cigarettes. The report was received, and the "Jolly Eight" decided then and there to disband their organization.

A Rumor.

It is rumored that the members of Phoenix Hose Company, No. 1, propose to change their headquarters from Bloomfield Avenue to Glenwood Avenue, in Dodd's livery-stable. The reasons given for the change are that the corporations that own the present headquarters can get more rent for it for other purposes, and the location in the livery-stable will make it more convenient to get a horse to draw the hose-wagon.

Mr. Carl's Organ Recital.

At the fifth free organ recital to be given next Wednesday afternoon, at four o'clock, by Mr. William C. Carl in the First Presbyterian Church, Fifth Avenue and Twelfth Street, New York, the programme will be devoted to American composers, with the assistance of Mrs. Carl Alves, contralto; Mr. D. G. Henderson, tenor, and a full chorus.

Ladies Oxford ties at Shoenthal's, the shoelst, 312 Glenwood Avenue.—Advt.

## FREE POSTAL DELIVERY.

It Will Go into Operation About June 1—Three Deliveries Will be Made Each Day.

Postmaster Hayes received a despatch from Washington last Saturday informing him that free postal delivery would go into operation in this town about June 1. This was pleasing news to the Postmaster, as well as to the public. It is well known that in the face of strong opposition from certain quarters Mr. Hayes has been working very hard to secure free delivery for the town.

The carriers' pouches arrived on Wednesday, and other appurtenances necessary for fitting up the office will soon arrive. Twenty-two letter-boxes will be put up in various parts of the town.

The free-delivery system will not extend north of Bay Avenue nor south of Watsessing Avenue, and Glen Ridge is not included in the service. This is due to a desire on the part of some of the people there to retain the Glen Ridge Post-office. Three carriers and two substitutes will be employed. The salary of a carrier is \$600 for the first year. Substitutes stand next in order for promotion. The Postmaster has received a number of applications for the position of carrier, but no appointments have as yet been made. The selection of carriers has been placed by the Postmaster in the hands of a committee of citizens, Republican in politics of course.

Three deliveries will be made each day. The morning and evening deliveries will be general throughout the district, but the noon delivery will be confined to business houses and factories. The Postmaster suggests that residents have their houses numbered at once, and that the custom of directing correspondence to the street and number be adopted immediately. It will tend greatly to facilitate the working of the system.

Celebrated Their Golden Wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Gilbert of Franklin Street celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding day on Monday evening of the present week. Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert were married in Troy, N. Y., April 17, 1842, by the Rev. Ensign Stover of the Troy Methodist Church. They resided in that city seven years, after which they came to Bloomfield and took up their residence in the house in which they now reside, and which Mr. Gilbert subsequently purchased from the heirs of Amos Dodd.

Eleven children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert, nine of whom are still living. The children present on Monday night were Mrs. William Taylor of Montclair, Mrs. Thomas Smith, Mrs. Samuel Cockeair, Mrs. George Campbell of Washington, Wright Gilbert, Mrs. Edward Baldwin and Seymour P. Gilbert. Seventeen grandchildren were present.

The rooms were profusely decorated with palms, ferns and cut flowers, arranged by Florist Raasbach of this town. Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert received their guests standing under an arch of smilax. About one hundred and twenty-five guests were present outside of the members of the family.

The Rev. Charles A. Cook of the Baptist Church read an interesting paper in which he briefly sketched the lives of the long-married couple. Mrs. Elias Osborne read a poem appropriate to the occasion. The Orchestral Society of Montclair furnished music, and Allen of Newark served the supper. Many handsome presents were received, among them a number of gold coins.

The Rev. Mr. Faucon's Farewell Sermon.

Rector James P. Faucon will preach his farewell sermon at St. Paul's P. E. Church to-morrow. The floral display and music in St. Paul's on Easter were very fine. The Lenten offerings of the Sunday-school amounted to \$116. Mrs. Agnes McCullough has presented St. Paul's with two handsome collection-plates and an alms-basin in memory of her mother, Mrs. McMullin. The following Wardens and Vestrymen were chosen on Monday night: Wardens—Walter Keen and Charles Ernst; Vestrymen—F. R. Plich, Frank Wischman, Henry Bradley, William Dailey, Stephen Gilson, and F. Zimmerman.

Before Justice Post and a Jury.

William H. Daniel of Bloomfield Avenue sued James W. Taylor of Montclair before Justice Post and a jury on Monday afternoon for \$26.86, which amount he claimed Taylor owed him. A great deal of contradictory evidence was offered. Justice Post told the jury that it was for them to determine whether the plaintiff or defendant was telling the truth, and render a verdict accordingly. After an hour and a half's deliberation the jury decided for the defendant with costs. Lawyer Badgley appeared for Daniel, and Austin Van Gieson for Taylor.

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Broken lot of gent's patent leather shoes, \$2, at Shoenthal's.—Advt.